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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the rewritten paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16 to line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Method 230 analyzes document 235, which ~~is~~in this example is stored in a memory 210, and identifies each region of document 235 that contains a transparent graphics object, a transparent graphics object overlapping a non-transparent object, and no transparent graphics objects. The regions containing transparent graphics objects, or transparent graphics objects overlapping non-transparent objects are converted to bitmaps for printing. The regions of the document, such as text elements, containing no transparent graphics objects are printed without converting these regions into a bitmap. Printing only the transparent graphics objects and any overlapping objects as bitmaps saves both memory usage, and processing power.